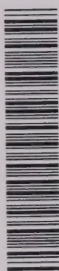


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TORONTO AND YORK ROADS COMMISSION
TO THE
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OF

THE TORONTO AND YORK ROADS COMMISSION

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MARCH 1964

1. INTRODUCTION


The Toronto and York Roads Commission was established in 1914 by Order-in-Council under authority of the Ontario Highway Act, and has since that time been engaged in the study and improvement of the roads of the City of Toronto.

The first purpose of the Commission was to study the condition of the roads of the City of Toronto and to report thereon to the Corporation of the City of Toronto. The Commission has since that time been engaged in the study and improvement of the roads of the City of Toronto.

This Brief is intended to be a factual statement relating to the operations of the Toronto and York Roads Commission and is not intended to include representations as to findings of the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto.

The Commission is composed of five members, three of whom are appointed by the Corporation of the City of Toronto and two by the Government of Ontario. The Commission has since its establishment been engaged in the study and improvement of the roads of the City of Toronto.

Members appointed by the Corporation of the City of Toronto are to serve upon the Commission for a term of three years, and may be re-appointed. The Commission has since its establishment been engaged in the study and improvement of the roads of the City of Toronto.



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1. CONSTITUTION AND AUTHORITY

The Toronto and York Roads Commission was established in 1916 by Order-in-Council under authority of Statute now The Highway Improvement Act R.S.O. 1960 Chap.171, Sec.68.

For the purpose of the relative portions of the Highway Improvement Act the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto is deemed to be the Corporation of a City. See Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act R.S.O. 1960 Chap.260, Sec.101.

The roads which are included in the system of suburban roads directed by the Commission are comprised of the roads declared to be suburban roads according to the provisions of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act R.S.O. 1960 Chap.260, Sec.105, increased by approximately twenty five miles by direction of the Commission since the formation of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Commission is composed of five members appointed for a term of five years. Two members are appointed by the Metropolitan Corporation, two by the County of York and the fifth by such four members, and failing such appointment the fifth member is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. (Sec.68, Subsec. 6).

Members appointed by the municipalities have been able to agree upon the appointment of the fifth member with the exception of an appointment in 1942 when, no nomination having been made, members for convenience requested the Minister to appoint the fifth member.

A road is not a suburban road unless designated a suburban road by the Commission with the approval of the Minister of Highways. (Sec. 68, Sub.sec 1).

The duty of the Commission is to direct the construction and maintenance of suburban roads and the expenditure thereon. (Sec.68, Sub.sec. 2).

The amount to be expended is determined by the County Council which makes an annual appropriation for such purpose, subject to the approval of the Minister. (Sec.72). The expenditure on a suburban road is borne 25% by the County, 25% by the Metropolitan Corporation and 50% by the Province (with the exception of bridges where the expenditure is borne 10% by each municipality and 80% by the Province). (Sec.71).

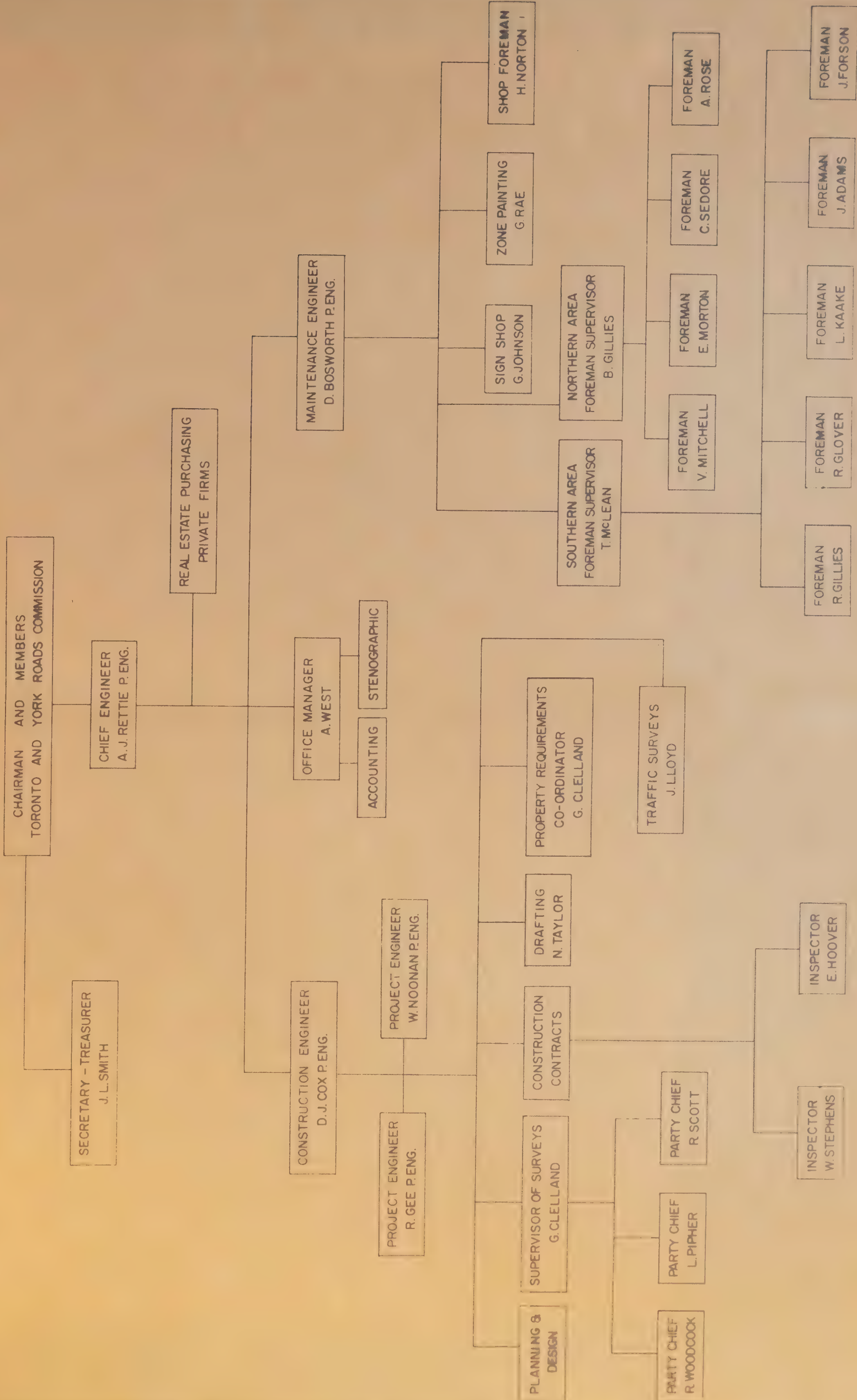
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2. ORGANIZATION

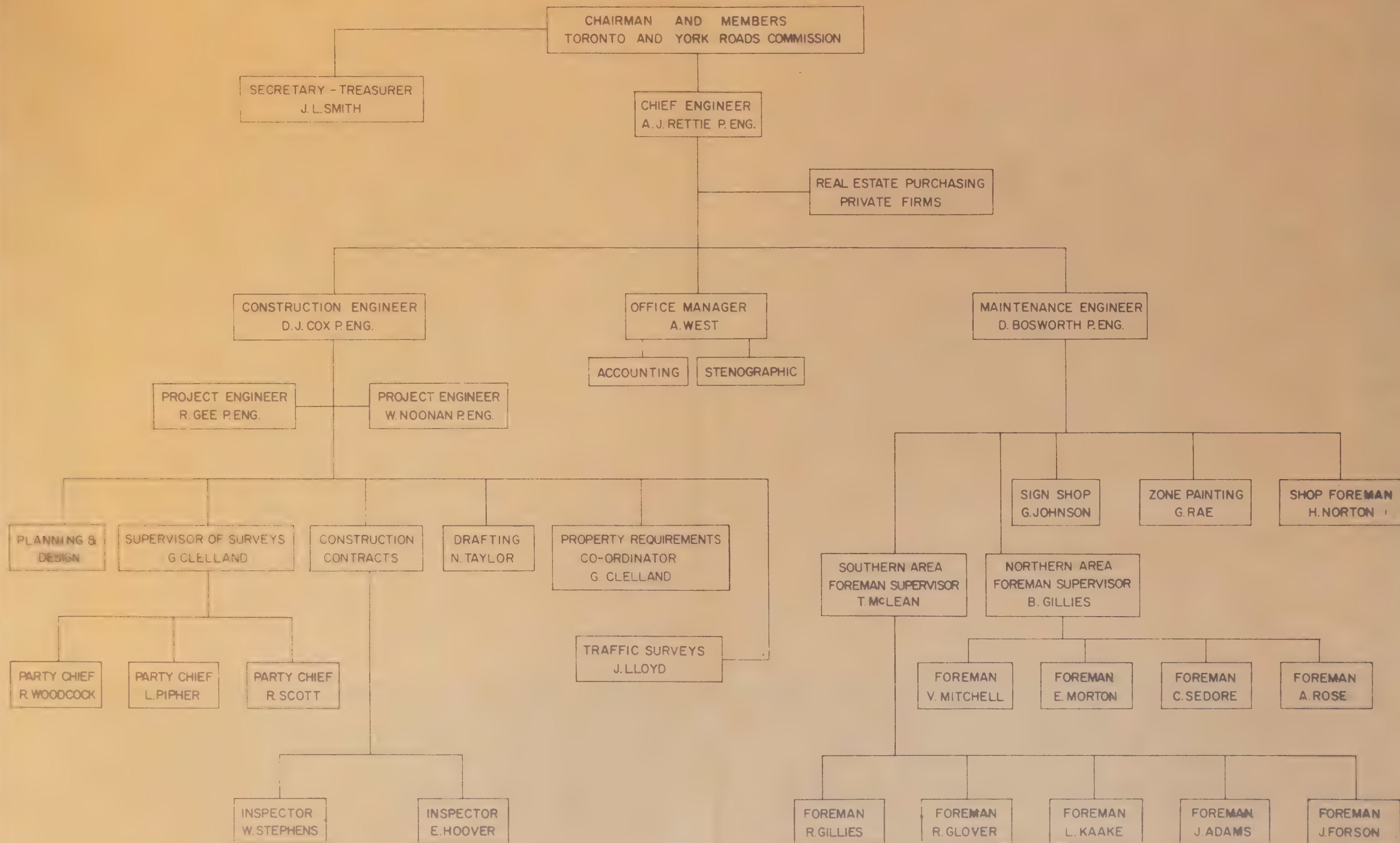
Following is a Table showing detail of organization and staff of the Commission. The total permanent staff is approximately one hundred persons.

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3. ROADS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION

Following is a map of the County of York revised to February 1964 showing:-

- a) Suburban roads coloured red.
- b) County roads other than suburban roads coloured green.
- c) Boundaries of County coloured blue.

The total mileage of suburban roads under the direction of the Toronto and York Roads Commission is 194.31 miles.

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Suburban Rd. 194.31 Mi.

King's Highways

County Roads 6.67 Mi.

(Admin. by T.V.R.C.)

Twp. Boundary

Revised February 1963 1964

TORONTO & YORK ROADS COMMISSION
YORK COUNTY BUILDING
NEWMARKET ONT.

Chief Engineer

Date May 1957

Drawn by E.D.H.

Scale 1/4" = 1 mile

4. TORONTO AND YORK ROADS COMMISSION EXPENDITURES

Following is a table of expenditures by the Commission for the period 1954 to 1963 inclusive together with proposed expenditure for 1964.

This table shows detail of expenditures for construction and maintenance and a column entitled general. It also shows the proportion of expenditure borne by the County of York, the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the Province of Ontario respectively.

The column marked 'General' includes expenditures which cannot be allocated to either construction or maintenance, such as interest, rebates to towns and villages pursuant to the Highway Improvement Act, and general administration expenses.

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TORONTO AND YORK ROADS COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF ANNUAL EXPENDITURES.

YEAR	CONSTRUCTION	MAINTENANCE	GENERAL	TOTAL	CONTRIBUTION		YEAR
					<u>Metropolitan Toronto</u>	<u>Province of Ontario</u>	
1954	116,673.38	407,852.67	184,805.25	709,331.30	170,230.15	401,079.12	1954
1955	237,857.57	588,981.73	102,323.44	929,162.74	234,958.67	493,559.69	1955
1956	1,159,779.66	330,054.26	87,896.09	1,577,730.01	394,039.92	816,793.72	1956
1957	1,235,293.96	367,089.56	96,516.27	1,698,899.79	409,556.21	916,755.25	1957
1958	1,350,555.49	335,077.91	99,825.90	1,785,459.30	446,123.92	925,551.07	1958
1959	1,375,592.13	393,302.86	108,792.58	1,877,687.57	475,729.93	962,336.87	1959
1960	1,304,314.97	417,993.82	131,538.81	1,853,847.60	466,969.00	969,371.82	1960
1961	1,028,225.86	448,120.33	144,842.06	1,621,188.25	430,855.91	807,121.39	1961
1962	1,382,107.79	454,011.56	159,236.85	1,995,356.20	506,411.77	1,035,253.73	1962
1963	1,731,709.79	504,158.36	188,081.30	2,423,949.45	636,009.99	1,220,841.69	1963
1964	2,224,600.00	517,800.00	202,200.00	2,944,600.00	773,150.00	≠ 1,516,800.00	1964
(Budget)							(Budget)
	13,146,710.60	4,764,443.06	1,506,058.55	19,417,212.21	4,944,035.47	10,065,464.35	

≠ Includes \$54,000.00 Rebate of Provincial Sales Tax from previous years.

SOURCE - Annual Budget Statements
- Toronto and York Roads Commission

Date: March 12, 1964

5. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES.

County of York

The Commission annually recommends to the County Council a proposed budget. Although Council considers the budget in detail the recommendations of the Commission are usually acceptable to the Council.

Before a road is designated a suburban road it must first be assumed by County Council as a county road. In practice the County of York seeks the advice of the Commission before making any adjustments to the county road system.

The County has no separate road engineering service. The Commission acts as the County of York Roads Committee in respect of county roads other than suburban roads pursuant to Section 46, Sub.sec. 7 of the Highway Improvement Act.

Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto

The Commission plans its proposed expenditures on suburban roads in cooperation with and adjusted to the planning by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Roads Department.

- e.g. A grade separation of the C.P.R. crossing on Weston Road is required but construction is delayed pending completion by Metropolitan Toronto of its Islington Avenue widening programme.
- e.g. The development of Bayview Avenue immediately north of Metropolitan Toronto has been designed by the Commission to conform with the future requirements of Metropolitan Toronto and the Township of North York, and has been approved by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the Township of North York.

The Commission's Engineer attends, when required, at meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee of Metropolitan Toronto upon matters of mutual interest to the County of York and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Commission, by agreement with Metropolitan Toronto extends its zone painting operations to service all Metropolitan Toronto expressways, and other Metropolitan Toronto roads beyond the limits of the City of Toronto.

Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board

There has been full mutual cooperation between the Commission and the Planning Board of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto in the planning and development of the suburban roads system.

- e.g. The Commission has cooperated with the Board to project a future suburban roads system in the draft official plan of Metropolitan Toronto.
- e.g. In a project recommended by the Planning Board for the relocating of Weston Road and the Humber River at the Village of Woodbridge, the Commission was the coordinating agency between the Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority, the Department of Highways, the Village of Woodbridge, and the Commission in planning, designing, constructing and proposing an appropriate share of cost for the construction and development of such work.

The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority

The Commission works in cooperation with the Conservation Authority in the construction of suburban highways leading to recreation areas.

- e.g. The 1964 Budget of the Commission includes an appropriation for special construction upon the Stouffville Road required in connection with the development by the Authority of recreation facilities in the Conservation Area known as "Bruce Mills".

In summary, the record of the Commission has been one of cooperation and harmony with Departments of Government, other Municipalities and Public Authorities. Its record has been free from dissension or friction - there has been little criticism from any source either as to policy or administration.

The Commission respectfully submits that it is conducting a properly organized, well administered and capably operating suburban roads commission.

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